



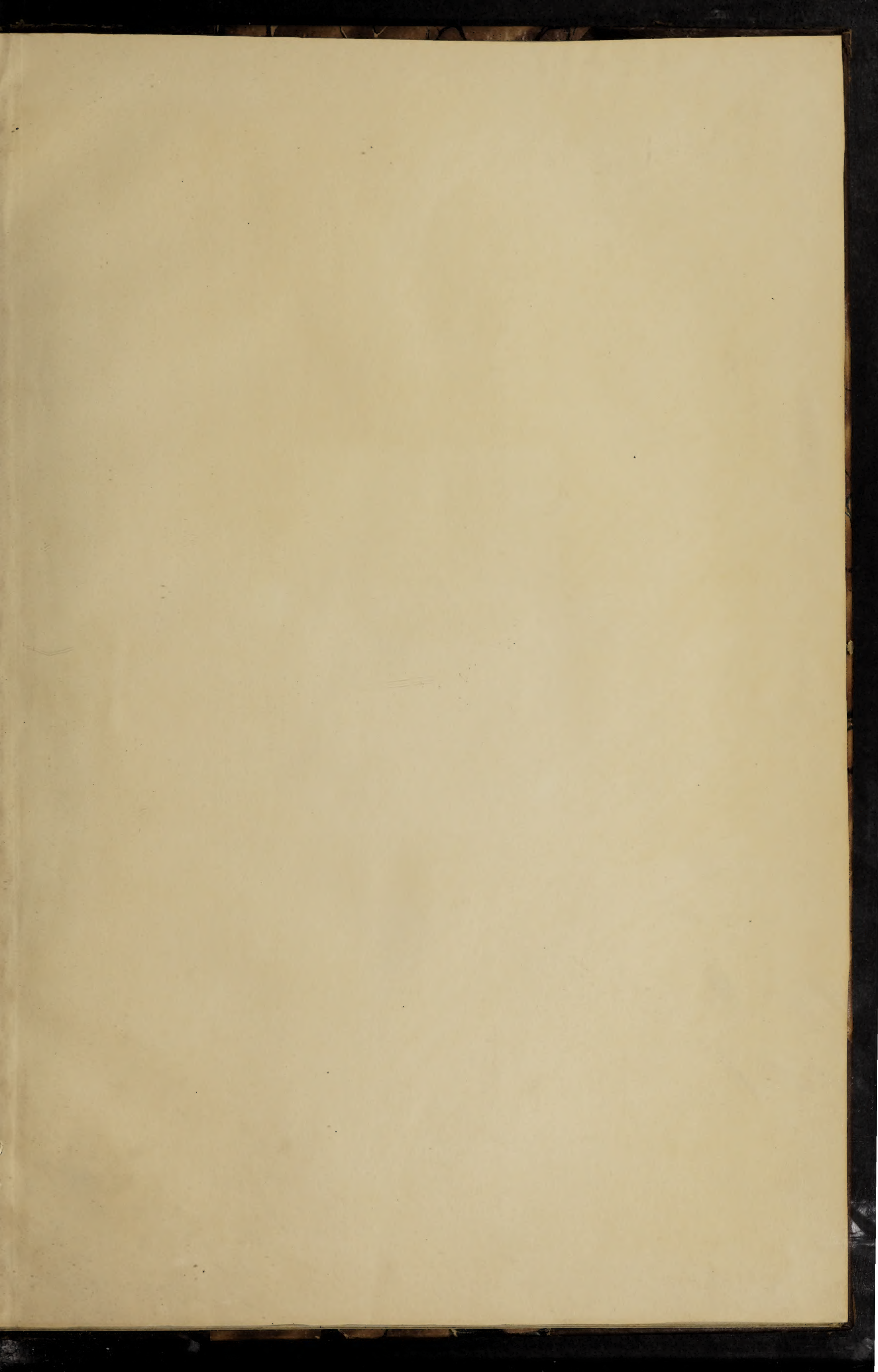
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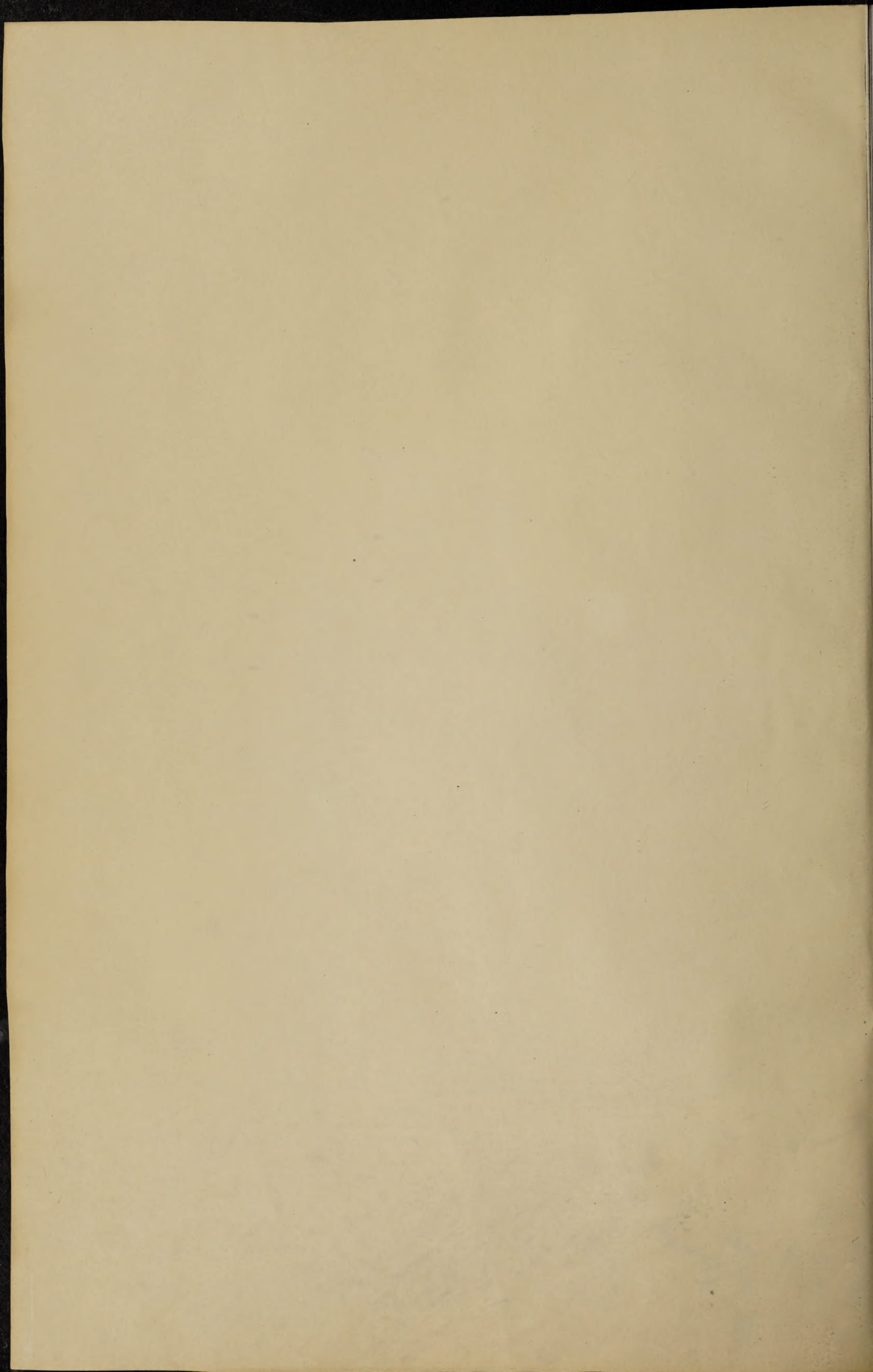


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Bark *Hermid*, Outward Bound

Monday July 12th 1869.

Commenced this voyage Saturday July 3rd.
Had quite a good run off the Coast. The last
three days quite rough a fresh gale from the S.W.
This morning more moderate. We have had the
usual amount of Sea Sickness. One man nearly
died with Constipation of the Bowels, he was
relieved by Hot baths, Enjections &c. another man
badly hurt, his leg bruised by the main hatch
another one laid up with a bad Cut in his
hand. This forenoon saw a dead whale too
bad to take alongside. Miss Flora is quiet
at present having just finished a slice of bread
and butter, her appetite good. Mother is employed
amusing herself & Flora reading Mother Goose,
I hope they have both recovered from their Sea Sick-
ness.
Lat 40.00, Long 48.25 W

Saturday July 24th 1869.

The last two weeks has been most of the time rough weather
the last three days fine and pleasant. Last Sunday spoke
the Sea Fox. Monday saw the Island of Flores, and sent a
Boat ashore too late to do any trading. Next day laying off &
on, Bought 100 Bushels potatoes some pumpkins & Fowls, onions
apples, Lemons, &c at 4 P.M. Stured off to the South. Saw
Several ships last week, Merchantmen. Mother & Flora quite
well, and fast asleep on the sofa while I am writing. I have
or four men sick and complaining one of them Antoine Boats
Sick with the Venereal Complaint. I hope to see something soon
that will pay for catching we have lowered several times for
grampuses and Blackfish, more to practice the men than for
any other purpose, taken nothing yet.

Lat 35.25 N Long 28.45 W

Bark Mermaid, Outward Bound

Monday July 26th 1869

Came in with fine weather and moderate breeze from the N.E. Steering South, at 3 P.M. saw whales going quick to windward. lowered all four boats got nothing no chance Took up the Boats and steered South large School of small whales.

Lat 34.10 N Long 28.10 W

Sunday Sept 19th

The last month has passed away without anything of importance taking place. a week ago spoke an English Merchantman bound to Shanghai. We have had quite a good run since passing the Equator. Took the variable winds in lat 30. Since then have had quite a good run This morning quite a good westerly wind. Steering E.S.E.

Miss Flora and mother getting along bravely. both over their Sea Sickness. Miss F. just returned from a long walk on deck. where she has been the last three hours. We have seen no chance for a whale the last three weeks

Thursday Oct 7th

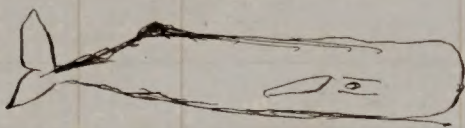
This day comes in with good weather and light winds the Bark Steering S.E. by E. This morning saw Whales about 9 A.M. and lowered for them about 2 P.M. Waist Boat struck and lost line Middle and latter part fresh gale from S.S.E. the Bark laying too on the port tack. at daylight wore ship to the S.S.W. Last Friday a man by the name of Newell fell over board off the Fly jill boom lowered away a boat and got to him just in time to save him one sail in sight

Lat 38.30 S Long 40.00 E

Bark Mermaid Cruising on New Holland

Tuesday May 10th 1870

The last three months has passed away without seeing any whales. We have cruised on the West Coast from 28.00 Lat & 110. Long to 22 Lat & Long 104. W. This morning at 11 A.M. saw Whales and lowered for them. Chased until 4 P.M. when the larboard boat struck a glare calf and saved him. Chased until sunset, could not get to them.



Lat 25.06 Long 110. W.

Friday June 24th The last six weeks has passed away without seeing any whales. We have cruised from the Lat of 28.00 & to 25.00 and from Long 108.00 to 110.00. Saw plenty of birds and finbacks. Wednesday last had a moderate gale from the Westward. This day fine weather. This is the driest time I ever saw on New Holland. I have seen whales but once in three months. But we are living in hopes of better times.

Mother was quite sick 3 weeks ago last Sunday for three days she suffered dreadfully, her old complaint pain in the stomach. She is quite well at present. Baby is growing at a great rate Flora much as usual. We are getting along nicely with only one drawback not seeing any whales.

Lat 25.50 Long 107.10 E

Saturday June 25th Comes in with beautiful weather and light breeze from S.W. The Bark starting S.E. at 12.30 P.M. saw two Whales going N.E. and lowered for them at 2 P.M. West Boat struck and saved a large Whale got him alongside about 4.30. took in sail and commenced cutting ground daylight latter part back weather blowing quite a smart gale from the westward. Employed cutting up junk larboard Boat stove

Lat 25.50 Long 108.10 E

Monday June 28th 1870

Comes in with Moderate gale latter part moderate at daylight
Commence boiling heads Middle and latter
part fine Weather Saw finbacks and birds -
Lat 25.30 Long 107.02 E

Tuesday July 1st This day light Northerly winds. The Bark
Steering to the Eastward. Employed repairing Starboard boat. yesterday
stowed down in the main hatchway. finished about 5 P.M.
Saw finbacks & birds

Lat 27.31st Long 107.22 E

Wednesday July 2^d 1870

This day Comes in with Strong
breeze from S.S.W. The Bark Steering E.N.E. at 1 P.M. Saw two
Whales going N.N.W. Lowered three Boats for them. the Starboard
Boat Struck about 2.30 P.M. Soon after. the Starboard boat struck
and was cut in two by the whales jaw. The waist boat picked up
the crew, and brought them to the Ship. The whale sounded about
this time. The mate drewed from him. The 2^d mate got near
enough to dart at and got a slight iron in but soon drewed
from him, and lost the whale. Saved one piece of the boat
and lost line and nearly all the Craft so ends one
year from home, with 180 bbls sperm. Lost nearly 250 bbls sperm
that we have been fast to, with about 1200 fathoms line,

Lat 27.00st Long 108.32 E


Thursday July 7. Comes in with good weather
and moderate breeze from S.W. The Bark Steering
to the W.S.W. at 7 A.M. Saw Whales two of the them
going S.E. Lowered the three Boats about 11 A.M.
fastened to the waist Boat and saved the whale
Took him alongside about 3 P.M. got dinner
and Commenced Cutting got the head off
and body in about daylight so ends a good
day, work.

Lat 27.00st Long 108.15 E

Bark Mermaid Cruising for Whales.

Wednesday July 13th Comes in with strong breeze from S.W. The Bark heading W.N.W. all hands employed. Stowing down oil in the main Hatchway. This morning Mr Moore was badly hurt, by a cask of oil that got away from the men who were rolling it. He was caught against the lee rail and his shoulder badly bruised but I hope no bones broken. Stowed down about twenty five barrels this day. Tomorrow I hope will finish.


Lat 27.21 Long 108.50 E

 Tuesday July 17th This day Comes in with good weather and fresh breeze from S.E. The Bark steering S.W. Employed repairing the Starboard Boat Flukes at 1 P.M. Saw whales going to windward lowered for them and got nothing. No chance Mr Moore is getting along nicely. Cooper repairing Casks


Lat 27.08 Long 108.25 E

Wednesday July 20th Comes in with good weather The Bark steering by the wind. Carrying all sail through the night. at daylight Saw the whales again, going to the leeward. Lowered all three Boats the bow boat struck and saved a small whale got him alongside about 3.30 P.M. and cut him in, finished about 7 P.M. Baby Eddie is quite sick since last night, he seems feverish.

Lat 27.20 Long 108.47 E

 Thursday July 21st Comes in with light breezes from E.N.E with rain squalls at 7 A.M. Saw Whales going to the Westward lowered three Boats for them The whales turned to windward and lost them in a squall Saw them again about 11 A.M. got nothing no chance

Lat 27.40 Long 109.04



Bark Mermaid Cruising for Whales.

Monday July 25th 1870. This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from a V.W. the Bark Steering to the North. Middle and latter part much the same. This day the watch Employed Stowing down oil in the Main Hatchway, and Mr. Watson and Mike working on the Starboard Boat. Mr. Moore is getting some better
Lat 28.23[°] Long 109.21[°] E

Thursday July 28th Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from the S.E. Steering S.W. at 2 P.M. lowered for a lone whale going to the N.E. Struck about 4 P.M. to the Bow boat and saved the whale latter cutting finished about day light
Lat 27.12 Long 108.03

Saturday July 30th Comes in with fine weather Steering S.W. by S. at 8 A.M. Saw whales going S.W. lowered three boats Mr. Watson Struck a calf - after being fast 2 hours line cut and lost the calf. the Bow boat Struck a large whale and lost him. no chance. the whale run and sounded. could not get to him. The waist boat Stove
Lat 26.25[°] Long 107.46

Thursday Sept 22nd This day fine weather light S.E. winds at 10 A.M. Saw whales going to the windward lowered for them with three Boats without success. Whales went off to the windward. Middle and latter part much the same
Lat 24.42[°] Long 105.10

Tuesday Sept 27th This day fresh breeze from S.E. Steering by the wind to the South at 8 A.M. Saw Whales going to the windward quick did not lower. no chance.

7 Bark Mermaid Cruising for Whales.

Saturday October 22^d 1870. This day Comes in with fresh westerly gales the Bark steering to the S.W. Co. at 10 A.M. saw Chatham Islands bearing N.E. 10 miles dist saw no fish

Sunday Oct 23. Comes in with good weather the Bark steering by the wind on different tacks Middle Land latter part about the same at 10 A.M. saw Whales going to the S.W. lowered three Boats without success. latter part spoke the Swallow Bald head bearing N. 18 miles dist

Monday Oct 24. Steering by the wind on different tacks saw nothing spoke the Gov. Group. Ends with fine weather Bald head bearing North

Tuesday Oct 25th This day Comes in with good Weather and Easterly winds the Bark heading to the North at 9 A.M. saw the Swallow Whaling at Noon lowered for the whales and got on to the S. Boat Eclipse Island bearing S.W. 15 miles

Monday Oct 31st Comes in with fine Weather and light Easterly winds the Bark steering to the North at 7 A.M. saw a lone whale going quick to the S.W. lowered for him with three Boats got nothing. no chance at noon Bald head bearing N.W. 25 miles Dist
Lat

Bark Mermaid Cruising for Whales

Monday Nov 7th Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from the S.W. the bark heading S.W. at 5 P.M. saw a lone Whale going quick to the S.W. lowered for them and got nearly on when killers got among them and galled him

Tuesday Nov 31st This day comes in with fresh breeze and good weather the Bark steering by the wind to the South at 7 Am. saw a lone whale going to the windward lowered for him with two boats. the Starboard boat got nearly on when killers come to the whale and drove him down and got nothing

Tuesday Nov 30th Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from E.S.E. at 7 Am. saw a large whale going to the Westward lowered three boats the Starboard boat struck. The whale run to the windward could not get near them cut time
Bald Island bearing N. 15 miles

Sunday Dec 1st This day fine weather and light Easterly winds 3 ships in sight two cutting one boiling a whale taken last Thursday at 5 P.M. lowered for a large Whale which had been struck by a Hobartown Whaler. the whale went off quick to the windward. Bald Island N. 15 miles

Dec 8th This day fine weather at 1 P.M. saw whales and lowered all four boats got nothing no chance whales going to windward.
Cape Knob bearing N. 12 miles

Bark Mermaid Cruising on the West Coast

Wednesday Aug 23rd This day Comes in with fresh breeze from S.S.W. the Bark steering E.S.E. Saw furbucks yesterday repaired Gaff topsail..

Lat 27.50 Long 109.15 E

Long 109.00

Friday Aug 25th This day Comes in with light winds from the Southward the Bark on the Stand to the S.W. at 9 A.M. Saw a School of Whales going W.N.W. Lowirds three boats for them the wind Shifted to the westward and the whales went off to the windward. took up the Boats and wore Ship to the North at 4 P.M. Spoke the Vigilante. Saw a large Whale going to Windward about 5 P.M. no chance one man off duty Sick.

Lat 28.00 Long 109.45 E

Sunday Aug 27 Comes in with fresh breeze from the Westward the Bark steering to the S.W. under double reef Saw furbucks on sail in sight to the windward. Supposed to be the Canton The Sick man some better.

Lat 27.30 Long 109.45 E

Thursday Aug 31st This day fine weather and fresh breeze from the South the Bark steering on different tacks Middle and latter part about the same two vessels in sight

Wednesday Spoke the Stamboul & Canton

Lat 27.00 Long 108.74

Sunday Sept 3rd This day Comes in with fine Weather and Moderate breezes Middle and latter part nearly Calm the Bark on different tacks. Middle part steering to the S.E. three vessels in sight. yesterday Spoke the Governor Whopper, Canton & the Stamboul Ends with Calms,

Lat 27.34 Long 107.51 E

Tuesday Sept 13th Comes in with fresh breeze from S.E. the Bark Standing to the S.W. at 10 A.M. Saw Whales going slow to the S.W. Lowirds for them with three Boats the Harbours and waist Boat struck the Harbours Boat Stove. the 4th mate took the Mate's whale and killed him and saved him. got them alongside at 5 P.M. latter part Calming in

Lat 27.35 Long 108.40 E

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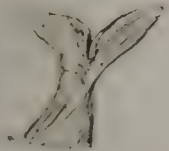
Sunday Nov 20th 1871 This day comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from S.W. at 6 A.M. Saw the Swallow whaling. Lowered all the Boats about 9 A.M. the Bow boat struck and saved a 70 bbl Whale got him to the ship about noon two boats off in Chase. Commenced cutting about 2 P.M. got the head off and body in at 9 P.M. at noon Balde Island bearing N.W. about 15 miles dist.



Thursday Jan 25th 1872 This day fine weather and moderate breeze from the S.S.W. at 7 A.M. Saw the Canton Chasing Whales. Made all sail and tried to get to them three other vessels in sight at 3 P.M. Lowered for the whales. Matched with the Swallow. Struck one and drew and darted at another did not fasten
Lat 35.40 Long 117.00

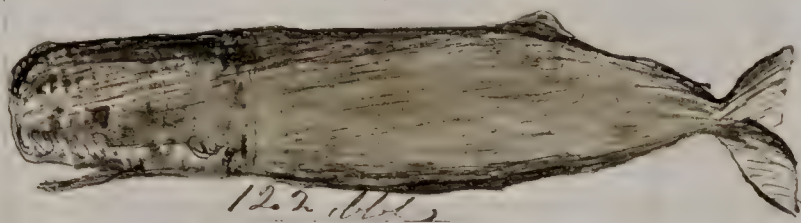
Friday Jan 26th Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from S.S.W. Steered on different tracks at 3 P.M. Saw the Humbold Whaling at 5 P.M. lowered. Struck about sunset and drew after taking out about 50 fathoms line
Lat 35.30 S Long 115.00 W

Sunday Jan 30th This day fine weather and moderate breeze from S.E. Steering by the wind on different tracks at 9 A.M. the Lancer set Colours for Whales. lowered our boats in Chase at 3 P.M. Waist boat struck and first iron drew and cut the short warp lost the Whale
Lat 35.18 S Long 115.30 E



Bark *Mermaid*. Cruising on the South Coast

1872 Feb 12th This day Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from the S. S. E. Steering by the wind to the E. N. E. at 7 A.M. saw Whales going to the N. N. W. lowlands for them in Company with the *Mercury* & *Swallow* about 2 P.M. Struck and saved a large whale mated with the *Swallow*. Took the Whale to the *Swallow* to Cut in Sent Mr Moore and boat crew to help Cut. Lat 36.02 & Long 114.00 W.



Tuesday March 26th Comes in with fine weather and light winds from the Westwards the Bark got under weigh from the inner harbor about 6 A.M. at 9 A.M. Captain Come on board and got under weigh in Company with ~~the~~ the *Swallow* at Sunset Bald head bearing N.W. about 8 miles distant

Wednesday March 27th This day fresh southerly winds, the Bark Steering W. S. W. the Bark *Swallow* in Company. Middle and latter part weather about the same, saw birds and porpoises. Ends with rainy weather. No obs -

Thursday March 28th This day Comes in Fresh Easterly winds the Bark Heaving to the South saw nothing of importance. No obs

Bark Mermaid Cruising on the South Coast.

Friday March 29th 1842 This day Comes in with moderate breezes from N.E. the Bark Standing on the Eastern tack at 10 A.M. wore ship to the N.W. Middle part Calm Saw nothing but a few birds, Ends with light Westerly winds
Lat 36.18^s Long 116.09^E

Saturday March 30th This day fine weather and light westerly winds the Bark on different tack, at seven o'clock saw Spouts which caused quite a Commotion, but proved a false alarm, as they turned out to be nothing but Grampuses, I was in hopes they would prove to be whales. So I could have something to take my attention, for I feel very miserable here alone, I wish I could be with my dear family, never to be separated and I would feel happy -
Lat 35.36^s Long 115.34^E

Sunday March 31st This day fine weather and light Easterly winds, Middle part winds variable, with rain Ends with fresh gale from W.S.W. the wind veering to the South. Saw plenty of birds.
Lat 36.00 Long 116^E

Monday April 1st Comes in with fresh Southerly winds, and passing rain Squalls. Saw a Whale of some kind Spout three or four times Could not make out what it was, at 11 A.M. spoke the Swallow.
No obs.

Tuesday April 2^d These twenty four hours fine weather and light breeze from S.E. the Bark Standing to the E.N.E. Saw one vessel. Employed repairing main top Gallant sail
Lat 35.45^s Long 116.22^E

Wednesday April 3^d This day fine weather light Westerly winds the Bark Steering to the Eastward. Saw nothing of importance the Swallow in sight. at Noon saw the Land off Chatham Island
Lat 35.30^s Long 117.00^E

Bark Mermaid Cruising on the South Coast

Thursday April 4th This day fine weather and light winds from the Westward the Bark steering off E.N.E. the Swallow in Company at daylight saw the Land Bald Head bearing N.N.E. Saw birds and Grampusses at 2 P.M. raised a Sail on the port beam

Lat 35.30° Long 118.04° E

Friday April 5th This day Comes in with fine weather and light winds from S.W. the Bark on different tacks Middle and latter part much the same Saw the Bark Stamboul

at noon Bald Head bearing N.

Saturday April 6th This day fine weather and light winds the Bark steering in for Bald Head at 2 P.M. spoke the Canton. Expected a couple of men disappointed. Ends with light Westerly winds. got a letter from C.H.K. Bald Head bearing N.

Sunday April 7th Comes in with Good weather and light westerly winds the Bark steering by the wind to the Southward Middle and latter part the wind from N.E. steering W. by S. Three vessels in sight Saw no fish

Lat 35.18° Long 118.02° E

Monday April 8th This day Comes in with Good weather and light baffling winds the Bark working to the westward Middle part much the same Ends with a Calm. at noon bald head bearing North Saw Grampusses.

Lat 35.32°

Tuesday April 9th This day Comes in with light winds the Bark steering to the Eastward middle part Calm Ends with light winds from the Eastward Employed sending down the fore top Gallant mast. Bald Island bearing N.

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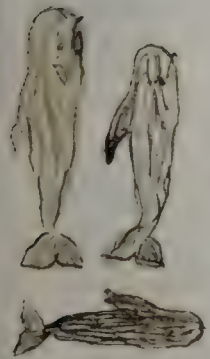
Wednesday April 10th 1872

This day Comes in with Good weather and fresh Easterly winds the Bark on different tacks middle part much the same. Saw nothing of importance Two men off duty sick. Ends with moderate Easterly winds

Lat 35.55° Long 119.00° E

Thursday April 11th Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from the N.E. Steering by the wind to the Eastward at daylight were ship and towed the Boats for Blackfish Caught six and hauled them in latter part fresh breeze from S.W.

Lat 35.55° Long 119.47° E



Friday April 12 This day fresh breeze from the S.E. the Bark Steering by the wind to the E.N.E. Middle and latter part much the same Employed muncino Blackfish blubber Saw nothing of importance Ends with strong breeze

Lat 35.28° Long 120.47° E

Saturday April 13th This day Comes in with fine weather and fresh breeze from E.N.E. the Bark Steering by the wind to the S.E. Employed boiling Blackfish blubber finished about 4 P.M. one vessel in sight looked like the Canton.

Lat 35.39° Long 120.41° E



Sunday April 14th

This day Comes in with Good weather and light Northerly winds. The Bark on different tacks. Middle and latter part much the same. Saw porpoises. Ends with Calm. weather. The time drags along slowly. I hope providence will send us a whale before long.

Lat 36.10° Long 121.00° E

Monday April 15th Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from N.E. Steering by the wind to the E.S.E. Employed repairing the flying jib bent a new fore top mast staysail Saw a Brig. Called her the Emily Smith

Lat 35.00° Long 121.51° E



Bark *Mermaid* Cruising on the South Coast

Tuesday April 16th 1872. This day comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from the North the Bark steering by the wind to the Eastwards Middle and latter part much the same. Saw nothing of importance. Employed working on the rigging. made new Canvass hose for wetting holds. rove new jibb halyards. and new jibb Sheets.

Lat 35.20° Long 122.18 E

Wednesday April 17th Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from N.N.E. the Bark on different tacks. Middle and latter part light winds Saw nothing of importance.

Lat 35.05 Long 122.18 E

Thursday April 18th Comes in with light air from the North the Bark standing to the N.W. Middle part squally. Ends with fresh breeze from N.W. steering E. & V.E. at 5 P.M. Saw S.E. Islands bearing N.N.E. 25 miles dist.

Friday April 19th This day fresh breeze from S.E. the Bark on different tacks. Middle part much the same. at noon spoke the Bark Swallow. the Reef bearing W. 8 miles dist. Ends with bad weather.



Swallow.

Saturday April 20th These twenty four hours fresh Breeze and squally weather the Bark steering on different tacks middle and latter part much the same. the Swallow in company at 5 P.M. parted company Saw birds.

Lat 34.17° S Long 124.28 E

Sunday April 21st Comes in with bad weather and fresh breeze from the North the Bark heading to the N.W. Middle part rainy. Saw nothing of importance.

Lat 34° 55' Long 124° 28'

1 Bark Mermaid. Cruising on the South Coast

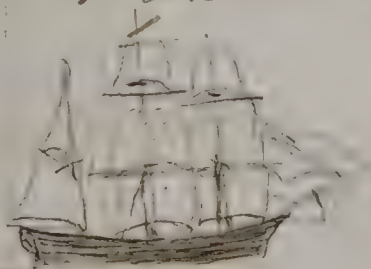


Monday April 22^d 1872. These twenty four hours bad weather and strong breeze from the N.W. & S.W. the Bark on different tacks. under short sail. Saw nothing of importance. Ends with S.W. winds. Lat 34.50° Long 124.17 E

Tuesday April 23 This day Comes in with fresh breeze from the S.W. the Bark heading to the South middle part. saw ship to the N.W. Ends with better weather. Saw flock of birds but no fish. I hope the Lord will send us some soon. Lat 34.37° Long 124.12 E

Wednesday April 24th Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from the Westward. the Bark on the Southern tack. Middle and latter part much the same. Saw nothing of importance. one sail in sight to windward, Lat 34.56° Long 124.02 E

Thursday April 25th This day fine Weather and good whole sail breeze the Bark heading to the N.W. Middle and latter part much the same. Two vessels in sight the Canton and Otello of Hobartown at 4 P.M. Spoke the Canton. Saw killers



Otello

Friday April 26th Comes in with Good weather and light Northwesterly winds the Bark steering to E.N.E. Middle and latter part nearly Calm saw one vessel the Canton. Ends with light winds. Lat 34.56° Long 124.25 E.

Saturday April 27th This day Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from N.N.E. the Bark on Starboard tack heading N.W. middle and latter part much the same. Saw S.E. Island bearing North 25 miles at Noon Lat 34.50° Long 123.30 E

S.E. Island

Bark Mermaid Cruising on the South Coast

Sunday April 28th 1872. This day Comes in with Good weather and light S.E. winds the Bark on different trials, Middle and latter part much the same saw nothing but S.E. Islands.

Lat 34° 53' S Long 123° 45' E

Monday April 29th Comes in with quite a fresh Gale from the W.S.W. the Bark steering E.S.E. middle rainy and Squally Ends with fair weather the Bark under Close reefed Main topsail and Stay sails.

Lat: 34° 30' S Long 124° 30' E

Tuesday April 30th This day Comes in with a moderate Gale from S.W. the Bark heading to the S.S.E. under Short Sail Middle and latter part about the same saw nothing

Lat 33° 25' S Long 125° 15' E

Wednesday May 1st Comes in with better weather the Bark heading to the Westward under Short Sail Middle and latter part more moderate saw one vessel the Canton

Lat 35° 03' S Long 124° 30'


Thursday May 2nd Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from the S.S.E. the Bark steering W.S.W. middle and latter part much the same, saw two vessels the Canton, and a merchantman both steering to the Westward.

Lat 34° 56' S Long 123° 48' E


Friday May 3rd This day Comes in with good weather and light winds with passing rain Squalls. the Bark steering W.S.W. middle and latter part much the same, saw one sail

Lat 34° 45' S Long 122° 35' E

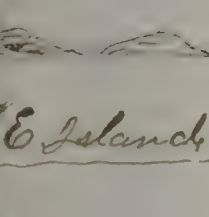
2 Bark Albatross Cruising on the South Coast



Saturday May 4th 1872 This day Comes in with fine weather and light winds from the S.E. the Bark steering in different tacks middle and latter part much the same saw nothing but a few finbacks, and Grampusses. Spoke the Canton Swallow and Canton. Lat $34^{\circ}40'S$ Long $122^{\circ}44'E$



Sunday May 5th Comes in with Good weather and light winds from the E.N.E. the Bark heading on different tacks. Middle and latter part much the same. Saw Grampusses and other small fry. Two vessels in sight



Monday May 6th These twenty four hours fresh breeze from the S.E. the Bark heading on different tacks Middle and latter part much the same. Saw one sail, the Swallow. at Noon S.E. Islands bearing N.E. about 25 miles

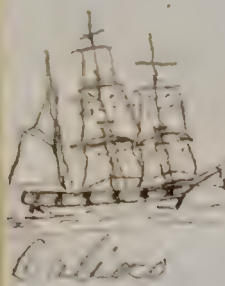
Friday May 10th This day fresh Gale from the Westward the Bark heading on different tacks middle part much the same saw nothing but birds I trust the Lord will soon send us some whales. for this is a lonely life doing nothing
Lat $35^{\circ}24'S$ Long $124^{\circ}00'E$

Saturday May 11th Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from the Southward the Bark heading to the Westward. at Sunset wore Ship heading S.E. middle and latter part fine weather. Saw one sail. the regin in sight
Lat $34^{\circ}44'S$ Long $123^{\circ}24'E$

Sunday May 12th This day Comes in with fine weather and moderate winds from the S.E. the Bark heading to the Westward middle and latter part much the same saw nothing but small fry. one sail in sight.
Lat Long

Monday May 13 Comes in with good weather and fresh breeze from North the Bark steering by the wind to the S.W. two vessels in sight
No obs.

Bark Mermaid Cruising off South Coast



Tuesday May 14th 1872. This day Comes in with Good weather and fresh breeze from West the Bark Steering by the wind on different tacks middle part better weather. Ends with better fine weather. two vessels in sight

Thursday May 16th. Comes in with fresh Gale from the S.W. the Bark Steering to the S.E. Middle and latter part much the same three vessels in sight plenty of birds.. but no whales. Spoke the Bark. Calais
Lat 35.20 Long 124.30 E

Saturday May 18th. This day Comes in with Good weather and light winds from the South West the Bark Steering on different tacks, four vessels in sight, one merchantman. At 2 P.M. raised whales going nowhere in particular. Lowered three Boats for them. the Starboard Boat fastened and saved a fifty barrel whale got him to the Ship about sunset and cut him in pieces about 4 P.M.

The reef bearing W by N. 10 miles

Tuesday May 21st. Comes in with Good weather and light northerly winds. The Bark Steering S.W. at seven P.M. spoke the Bark Swallow at 5 P.M. finished boiling. The Calus in sight to the westward
Lat 33.20 Long 124.16 E

Wednesday May 22nd. Comes in with fine weather and moderate northerly winds. Employed Stowing down oil in the after hold. Saw two vessels. S.E. Islands and the reef in sight
Lat 34.34 Long 123.45.

Bark Mermaid Cruising on South Coast

Swallow Chasing Whales Thursday May 23^d Comes in with Good weather and fresh Northerly winds. The Bark steering to the Westward, middle and latter part much the same. Saw nothing. at 7 A.M. Saw the Swallow Chasing Whales. Lat 34.34° Long 123°30'



Friday May 24th This day Comes in with Good weather and fine breeze from North. The Bark steering off W.S.W. middle and latter part much the same. Spoke the Bark Calao. The Swallow in sight. at noon the sun bearing N. by E. 10 miles

Sunday May 26th Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from the North the Bark steering by the wind on different tacks middle and latter part much the same two vessels in sight. S.E. Island bearing N. by E.

Wednesday May 29th This day fine weather and light winds from the S.S.W. the Bark steering N. by E. by the wind middle and latter part much the same saw nothing. The last three days Employed sending up a new main top Gallant mast, and fitting the rigging. Lat 34.56° Long 123°58'

Friday May 31st These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate westerly winds the Bark on different tacks middle and latter part nearly Calm. two vessels in sight. the Canton and Mary Frazier. Spoke them both.

Sunday June 2^d Comes in with fresh westerly gales. The Bark under Short Sail, on different tacks middle part Squally. Ends with better weather two vessels in sight Saw S.E. Island bearing W.N.W. 20 miles

Bark Albatross. Cruising on South Coast

Y Monday June 3rd 1872. This day comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from S.S.W. Bentanue the Bark heading West at 10 P.M. saw Whales ^{mine} going quick to windward. Did not lower no chance ³ly till two vessels in sight. S.E. Island bearing W. by N 15 miles dist Whales going S.S.W.

Thursday June 10th Ice has gone further west
and ice from the S. W. the North leading to the
S. W. at 8, 10, 11. saw whales going down to the S. W.

Succeeded three whalers for them at 2 P.M. The Starboard
 boat. Struck a whale and lost his line. at 3 P.M. the
 Bow boat. Struck and saved his Whale, at noon
 the reef ^{foot} in sight bearing W. about 15 miles, after
 supper hooked on and cut in the whale finished about 3 A.M.

Saturday June 5th Comes in with fine weather and light winds. The boat stirring by the wind on different parts middle and lower part much the same. Six vessels in sight. Finished boiling about 4 P.M. S.E. Islands bearing N.W. 20 miles dist.

at 4.56 long 3.10 6

Monday June 10th Comes in with fresh breeze
from the North the Bark heading to the Westward.
Middle and latter part much the same. Employed
blowing down oil in the after hold. Three vessels in
sight D. S. E. Island bearing N. W. 20 mile

At 12.00 P.M. came in with good weather and moderate breeze from the N.W. the Bark heading to the S.E. 4 ships in sight at 11. A.M. The Calas lowered for whales about 2 P.M. lowered our boats. Mr Moore struck with a slight iron and got stove; was fast a few minutes and drew the reef bearing N.N.E. 12 miles

Bark *Mermaid* Cruising on the South Coast

July 3rd 1872. This day Comes in with Good weather and good breeze from the N.E. the Bark Staring off W. at 2 P.M. Saw sperm whales going quick to the Westward. Did not lower for them, no chance at Sunset Took in sail and Steered W. by South after the Whales.

at Noon the reef bearing N.N.E. 8 miles

July 4th Comes in with fine weather and light northerly winds the bark Staring W. by South at 8 A.M. Saw the whales again going nowhere at 9. Lowered the three boats, and galloed the whales and they went off to windward. Called the Boats on board and got dinner and put sail on the ship to work to windward at 2 P.M. had the whales off the lee beam, Lowered the two quarter boats at 3 P.M. Starboard boat struck and saved a large whale got him to the ship about 4 P.M. Mr. Moores boat stover

Lat 35.02¹ Long 122.30

July 10th Comes in with Good weather and Moderate breeze from the W.N.W. Employed Stowing down oil in the after hold, Saw the *Caluo* whaling made all sail and got the Boats ready, lowered about 2 P.M. the wind shifted and brought the whales to windward no chance. Lowered again about 4 P.M. got nothing. The reef bearing N.W. about 15 miles

Bark Mermaid. Cruising on South Coast.



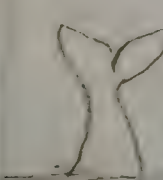
Monday July 22^d 1872. This day Comes in with good Breeze from N. W. W. the Bark Steering W. by S. at 10 A.M. Close reefed the Main topsail and girded the fore topsail. The wind blowing quite hard from N. W. at 5 P.M. The lee main topsail sheet parted and had to furl the Main topsail. The Gale increasing about Sunset shipped a Sea that stove the Bow Boat board the Mast and Starboard boat slightly knocked in the Sally doors. and other small accidents. About 7 P.M. blowed away the Mizzen & laid it to pieces. John Boatsturner hurt with a cask
Lat 35.20^s Long 122.10 E.

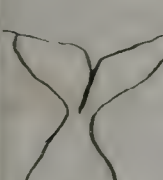
Saturday July 27. Comes in with Good weather and light Westerly winds. The Bark Steering by the wind on the Starboard Tack. Employed repairing bow boat. Making a Mizen staysail & scraping down Topmasts, at 4 P.M. Spoke the Calao and got some boat nails and boat boards middle and latter part. fine Weather
Lat 35.25 Long 119.30

Sunday Sept 1st Comes in with Good weather and moderate trade winds. The Bark Steering W. middle and latter part much the same. The last two weeks has been pretty good weather. we left King Geo Sound the 21st of Augt. and have seen nothing but furbacks and porpoises. We have taken the crew and family on board and we hope soon to be usefully employed getting oil
Lat 28.16 Long 109.10 E

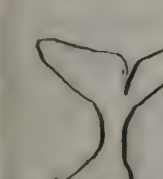
Sunday Sept 2nd The last four weeks has passed away without seeing any whales. We have been Cruising on the west Coast in Lat. from 26th to 29th S & Long from 106 to 110 E. Sept 3rd Left for the South Coast. Saw the land off Cape Leeuwin this morning bearing East about 20 miles Dist. Furbacks and birds plenty. hope to see whales soon.

Bark Mermaid Cruising on the South Coast

 Sunday Oct 6th This day comes in with fresh Gale from the Westward the Bark Steaming to the N^W at daylight soon Ship to the Southward one Ship in sight to leeward. Last Thursday saw a lone whale going to the South no chance. Same day saw the Towing Vessel cutting in
Lat 35.10^S Long 114.24^E

 Monday Oct 7th Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from South Steaming to the Westward Middle and latter part moderate at 3 P.M. saw a ship whaling about 5 P saw the whale and lowered for him. The Towing Vessel struck and lost. no chance for us.
Lat 35.20^S Long 114.50^E

Tuesday Oct 11th This day fresh Gale from N^W the Bark Laying To on the Starboard back under Close reefed maintop sail and staysails. This day Mr. Rodrick got his foot badly jammed with a cask while getting out water. Last Wednesday Spoke Bark Islander 15 months 4.50 M, Lat 35.40 Long 115

 Monday Oct 14 Comes in with fresh breeze from the westward the Bark Standing to the Southward Middle and latter part much the same at 7 A.M. saw Whales going quick to windward did not lower, no chance
Lat 35.20 Long 114.30^E

Bark Mermaid Cruising on the South Coast

Tuesday Oct 15th This day Comes in with Good weather and Moderate breeze from the S.W. at 10 o'clock. Saw Whales and Struck to the Starboard Boat the Whale run and Sounded, and held on to him all night next morning killed and got him to the Ship, and Cut him in
Lat 35.20 Long 114.35

Tuesday Oct 22 Comes in with Good weather and Good Whole Sail breeze the Bark Standing on different tacks middle and latter part much the same. Employed Stowing down oil in after hold. Saw the Hercules and Spotted her
Lat 34.59 Long 113.00

Friday Nov 1st 1872. This day Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from the S.E. the Bark Steering to the N.E. about 9 A.M. saw Whales: two large ones going to the South. Lowered three Boats and Chased without Success. The Bark Gazelle. Boats pulled up 3 miles from the Leeward and took the chance away from our boats and Struck the Whale, and Saved him.
Lat 35.56 Long 114.30 E

Sunday Nov 4th This day Comes in with Light breeze from S.E. the Bark Steering to the Westward. at 5 P.M. Saw Whales going quick to the North lowered three Boats for them without getting any thing.
Lat 35.40 Long 114.00 E

Bark Mermaid Cruising for Whales on South Coast

Monday Nov 11th 1872 Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from the S.E. the Bark steering to the E. & N.E. at 11 P.M. saw a Bark Whaling at 1 P.M. saw the Whales, and lowered three Boats for them. about 3 P.M. bow Boat struck and drew the Starboard Boat struck soon after and saved the Whale - got the Whale to the Ship about 5 P.M. and towed of him all night at daylight hooked on and cut him in finished about 2 1/2 P.M.

Point Enlaccastaux bearing N 81 1/2 miles

Sunday Nov 17th This day comes in with fresh breeze from S.S.E. the Bark standing to the Southward at 1 P.M. saw a lone Whale going to the South made all sail in chase did not lower no. Chance the Vigilant and Gazell in sight

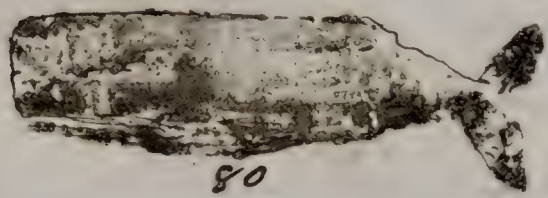
Lat 35.06 Long 114 E

Thursday Dec 5th Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from the S.S.W. the Bark steering to the S.E. by the wind at 10 A.M. saw 8 or 10 Whales going to the North. Lowered three Boats for them. Struck to the Starboard Boat about 2 P.M. The mates & second mate boats were badly stoven, saved the whale, and got him to the Ship about 5 P.M. Bald Island bearing W N W. 20 miles

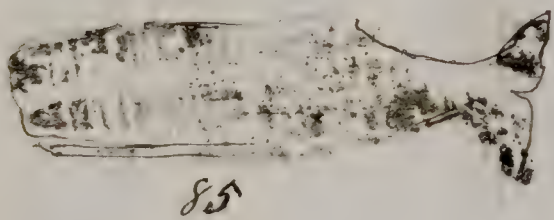


Bark Mermaid Cruising on South Coast

Saw December 17th 1872 Comes in with Good
 Whales weather and moderate breeze from S.W. the Bark
 Friday steering to the W.N.W. by the wind middle and
 Saturday latter part about the same. at 11. A.M. Saw Whales
 Sunday going to the Eastward. Landed about noon at 5 P.M.
 13th 14th Struck and Saved an 80 barrel Whale took him to
 13th the ship about 5 P.M. two boats off in chase
 at 10 P.M. took up the boats and wore ship off shore
 at noon Cape Knob bearing N.N.W. about 15 miles



Monday December 23rd Comes in with Good
 weather and light winds from the S.E. Employed
 stowing down sail in the fore hold at 10. A.M. Saw
 whales going slow to the Westward lowered three boats
 the waist boat struck about 2 P.M. and Saved
 an 80 bl Whale got him alongside about ten
 at noon Bald head bearing North
 18 miles off shore



Monday Feb. 3rd 1873 This morning got under weigh
 with moderate breeze from S.S.W. at noon Clear of Bald Head
 at Midnight wore ship and Steered off West Homeward bound.
 Ends with light winds. Three vessels in sight.

3 Bark *Mermaid* Homeward Bound

Y Sunday Feb 9th 1873 Comes in with fine weather and moderate Breeze from the S.E. Steering W.N.W. Middle and latter part much the same at 5 P.M. Saw a large body of Sperm Whales going slow to the North, too late to lower. Took in sail and tried to keep run of them at 7 A.M. Steered off N. at 10 A.M. Steered N.W. until noon and then Steered W.N.W.

Lat 32.00 Long 107.00

Y Saturday March 8th Comes in with good weather and fresh breeze from E.E. Steering W. by N. at 7 A.M. Saw Whales going to windward lower for them and got nothing but much chance at Sunset spoke John Dawson 3 months out 150 bls Sperm, yesterday spoke Chas W. Morgan 18 months out 900 bls all told.

Lat 27.00 Long 76.20. E



Sunday March 9th Comes in with good breeze from the Eastward Steering W. by N. at 7 A.M. Saw Whales going to the Westward lower and struck to the 3 boats. Saved a Cow and small calf and lost another large Cow with a line attached. Looked on and cut them in finished about 8 P.M. and Steered off our course.

Lat 27.30 Long 44.00, E.

Bark Mermaid Homeward bound



Monday April 7th 1873 Comes in with fine weather and fresh trades the Bark steering N.W. at Sunset saw a large whale close to the ship. Leffed too and lowered two boats down. but could not get to him before dark. took up the boats and steered off our course. two merchantmen in sight. last Saturday passed in sight of St. Helena. saw two Whales a Brig & Bark the Bark lying off and on. two weeks ago was off Cape Good Hope

Lat 12.38^s Long 9.35^W



